

bed so long to get diseases. Don't you see how I strut before my dame to the barn-door in the morning: I am in perfect health without the aid either of doctor or apothecary; and if you would but go to bed at seasonable hours, and rise as I do, physic would be useless, and the money might be saved to buy barley for me and my companions.

II.

A lady asked her linnet how he could learn to sing so well? Why, I get up at four o'clock in the morning to practice, Madam, says he, and don't lie in bed till noon as you do.

III.

A lady, seeing a poor lark in a fallow field, pitied him, and asked him how he could live in that barren place? Madam, says he, I pray to God night and morning and he feeds me.

IV.

An old miser kept a tame Jack-daw that used to steal pieces of money, and hide them in a hole, which the cat observing, asked why

why he would hoard up those round shining things that he could make no use of? Why, says the Daw, my master has a whole chest full, and makes no more use of them than I.

V.

An old goose, who was going into the stable to feed, thus addressed her young one, 'You are a pretty white lass, my dear dilly, and your charms may bring you many admirers, but this you may depend on, that far the greatest part of them will only seek your destruction; therefore be careful, keep close to the pen, my dear, and admit none of them without my advice or consent.' Yes, mamma, says the gosling. So the old goose kissed her and went her way.—Presently comes the Wolf; open the door, pretty creature, says he, for I must kiss you. Pray walk on, Mr. Long-legs, says she, for I want no such company. Several others made their addresses, but without any effect; at last came the Fox. Fairest of all the fair creatures, says he, (clapping his fore-paws together in a seeming rapture) how beautiful art thou grown!